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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of fresh violations by the Iranian side of the cease-fire provisions and the terms governing the area of separation between the two sides during the period 13 January to 8 February 1993, as follows:

1. At 1000 hours on 12 January 1993, a group of Iranians was observed erecting barbed wire at coordinates 588391 in front of the Tahrir guard post inside the area of separation.

2. At 0845 hours on 21 January 1993, seven Iranian soldiers were observed building a corrugated iron shelter at coordinates 033938 in front of the Tayyib guard post inside the area of separation.

3. At 1500 hours on 24 January 1993, a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter flew at low altitude parallel to Iraqi units at a distance of 4 and 5 kilometres in a west to east direction. It then returned to the Iranian rear at coordinates 811325.

4. During the period 4 to 8 February 1993, a group of Iranians was observed carrying out construction work at coordinates 285469, south-east of the Aynay al-Abd guard post. On 8 February 1993, completion of the building of a border guard post, situated 200 metres from the international boundary line inside the area of separation, was observed.

5. At 1045 hours on 7 February 1993, a group of Iranians was seen building a guard post of bricks and cement north of the Shihabi border guard post at coordinates 346447.

6. At 1230 hours on 8 February 1993, a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear. It landed at the airstrip at coordinates 447608 in front of the Ta'mim guard post and took off five minutes later in the direction of the Iranian rear.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative